

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
NORTHERN DIVISION

STEVE SHELTON

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Plaintiff,

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v.

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2:07-CV-981-MHT
(WO)

DILLARD'S DEPT. STORE, *et al.*,

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Defendants.

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ORDER ON MOTION

On January 23, 2008 Plaintiff filed a notice of change of address. The court construes said pleading to also contain a request for appointment of counsel. A plaintiff in a civil case has no constitutional right to counsel. While an indigent plaintiff may be appointed counsel pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(1), a court retains broad discretion in making this decision. *See Killian v. Holt*, 166 F.3d 1156, 1157 (11th Cir.1999).

Here, the court finds from its review of the complaint that Plaintiff is able to adequately articulate the facts and grounds for relief in the instant matter without notable difficulty. Furthermore, the court concludes that Plaintiff's complaint is not of undue complexity and that he has not shown that there are exceptional circumstances justifying appointment of counsel. *See Kilgo v. Ricks*, 983 F.2d 189, 193 (11th Cir. 1993); *Dean v. Barber*, 951 F.2d 1210, 1216 (11th Cir. 1992); *see also Fowler v. Jones*, 899 F.2d 1088, 1096 (11th Cir. 1990). Therefore, in the exercise of its discretion, the court shall deny Plaintiff's

request for appointment of counsel at this time. The request may be reconsidered if warranted by further developments in this case.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that Plaintiff's Motion for Appointment of Counsel (*Doc. No. 17*), be and is hereby DENIED.

Done, this 24th day of January 2008.

/s/ Wallace Capel, Jr.
WALLACE CAPEL, JR.
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE